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Date 28 Jun 1934

Subject (in full) Purchase of the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury
by the Soviet Authorities.

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Regarding the proposed sale of the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury to the Soviet Authorities, further enquiries reveal that all negotiations terminated following the sudden demise of Victor Volinsky, who was in charge of the Press and Information Bureaux of the Soviet Embassy in China.

Volinsky, who died on April 9, 1934 in the General Hospital, arrived in Shanghai from Moscow on March 13, 1934 having been invested with full authority to conduct the necessary transactions for the buying of the above mentioned newspaper.

Being new to Shanghai and having no knowledge of local conditions, Volinsky was assisted in his work by S.I. Slepak, representative of "Tass" News Agency in North China, who is reported to have left by rail for Peiping in June, 1934.

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Subject (in full) ... S. I. Slepak (or Slepach) and the purchase
of the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury.

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S. I. Slepak (or Slepach), representative of "Tass" News Agency in North China, arrived at Shanghai from Peiping a few days ago by rail. It is reported that Slepak's mission here is in connection with the negotiations between the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, No. 17-21 Avenue Edward VII, and the Soviet Authorities regarding the purchase of this newspaper by the latter. It is said that the Soviet Authorities propose to finance this newspaper in order to change its policy to that of a pro-Soviet nature. The proprietors of the newspaper are prepared to sell provided the sum demanded is forthcoming.

Slepak's place of residence is at present unknown.

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SHANGHAI EVENING POST AND MERCURY

VOLINSKY, Victor

In charge of the Press and Information Bureaux of the
Soviet Embassy in China.

SLEPAK, Semen Ignatievitch
(or SLEPACH)

Representative of TASS News Agency in North China.

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